# *Calluna vulgaris*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.74**
Life span: **Perennial**
Life form: **Chamaephyte, Dwarf shrub**
Spinescence: **not spinescent**

## Leaf

Leaf type (woody plants only): **Scale-like, Sclerophyllous**
Leaf phenology (woody plants only): **Evergreen**
Specific leaf area [$mm^2$/mg]: **9.71**

## Flower

Flowering period: **July-November**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **0.03**
Dispersal mode: **Anemochory**
Dispersal distance class: **5**

## Trophic mode

Parasitism and mycoheterotrophy: **autotroph**
Carnivory: **non-carnivorous**
Symbiotic nitrogen fixation: **no nitrogen-fixing symbionts**

## Taxon origin

Origin in Europe: **native**

## Ecology

### Environmental relationships

Substrate humidity relationship: **Mesic**
Substrate reaction relationship: **Acidic**
Nutrient relationship: **Dystrophic**
Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

### Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **7.7**
Temperature indicator value: **4.6**
Moisture indicator value: **5.6**
Reaction indicator value: **1.5**
Nutrient indicator value: **1.4**

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Salinity indicator value: **0**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **0.46**
Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.43**
Disturbance severity: **0.49**
Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.24**
Mowing frequency: **0.1**
Grazing pressure: **0.25**
Soil disturbance: **0.16**

## Habitat and sociology

### Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: **CH (ULI) *Calluno-Ulicetea***, **CI (NAR) *Nardetea strictae***, **FC (LAV) *Cisto-Lavanduletea stoechadis***, **PB (OXY) *Oxycocco-Sphagnetea***

### EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: **N18 Atlantic and Baltic coastal Empetrum heath**, **N19 Atlantic coastal Calluna and Ulex heath**, **N1F Baltic coniferous coastal dune forest**, **Q11 Raised bog**, **Q12 Blanket bog**, **Q21 Oceanic valley mire**, **R1M Lowland to montane, dry to mesic grassland usually dominated by Nardus stricta**, **S41 Wet heath**, **S42 Dry heath**, **S43 Macaronesian heath**, **T35 Temperate continental Pinus sylvestris forest**, **T3G Pinus sylvestris light taiga**, **T3J Pinus and Larix mire forest**

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**Pinus and Larix mire forest**, **T3M Coniferous plantation of non site-native trees**

Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Mire, Grassland (non-alpine, non-saline), Alpine-subalpine and arctic grassland, Heathland, Scrub, Forest, Sparsely vegetated (incl. rock and scree)**

## Distribution

Continentality amplitude: **5**

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